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From: Sauerhage, Maggie [Sauerhage.Maggie@epa.gov]

Sent: 4/3/2018 3:38:47 PM

To: Bender, Emily [Bender.Emily@epa.gov]; Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]

Subject: RE: News: Midterm Evaluation

Hi Emily – sure, I'll add you in when I follow up with Dave and see if we can all get together. Thanks!

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Cell: Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

From: Bender, Emily

Sent: Tuesday, April 03, 2018 11:36 AM

To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Sauerhage, Maggie <Sauerhage.Maggie@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: News: Midterm Evaluation

Thanks Nancy!

Hi Maggie-

I'd love to have a quick conversation about your work with Cision. We are going through something similar in Region 1, and we are generally looking to maximize the system.

We have a trainer coming to Region 1 on May 7 to teach us more about analytics. Perhaps we could have a skype call with R7, you and I before May 7 to learn more about what R7 is doing? It would be helpful to know more from them to understand some good questions to ask.

Thanks so much

Emily

From: Grantham, Nancy

Sent: Tuesday, April 03, 2018 11:32 AM

To: Sauerhage, Maggie <Sauerhage.Maggie@epa.gov>

Cc: Bender, Emily < Bender. Emily@epa.gov > **Subject:** RE: News: Midterm Evaluation

Maggie – connecting you with Emily Bender in Region 1 – to talk with her about what you are learning about cision alerts. Also, Emily would like to sit in on our meeting with Cision next week – via phone – so can you send her the scheduler.

Also, have you connected with Dave Bryan in region 7 re: cision analytics? Region 1 is meeting with cision on that topic next week, so hopefully we could join in via phone for that.

Thanks ng

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From: Sauerhage, Maggie

Sent: Tuesday, April 03, 2018 10:18 AM

To: Grantham, Nancy < Grantham. Nancy@epa.gov>

Subject: FW: News: Midterm Evaluation

Hi – here's the midterm evaluation clips from last night to this morning. I'm seeing a few duplicates so I'll make note that we should ask Sarah about that when she's here on the 10^{th} .

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The following information was released by the office of California Rep. Doris Matsui:

Congresswoman Doris Matsui (D-CA) released the following statement in response to the Trump Administration's decision to undermine the Environmental Protection Agency's light-duty vehicle greenhouse gas emissions standards adopted in 2012 by the Federal government, auto manufacturers, and more than a dozen state governments:

"Administrator Pruitt is taking yet another step to undermine the EPA's mission of protecting clean air and public health, and this time his decision will also cost drivers tens of billions of dollars at the pump. Last year, we saw greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector exceed electricity sector emissions for the first time in decades. Given the substantial impact of auto emissions on our changing climate, the administration should instead be maintaining the Federal government's commitment to cleaner, more efficient cars that are better for the environment and public health."

Congresswoman Matsui is the lead sponsor of the Clean and Efficient Cars Act of 2018, which would codify the EPA's light-duty vehicle greenhouse gas emissions standards and the Department of Transportation's Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards for model years 2021 to 2025. It would also block the agencies from creating loopholes in the standards.

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States News Service

The following information was released by the office of the Governor of Connecticut:

Governor Dannel P. Malloy and Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) Commissioner Rob Klee are criticizing a decision announced today by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to roll-back greenhouse gas and fuel economy standards for automobiles.

As we have seen too often from the Trump administration, the EPAs announcement today again abdicates its leadership role on climate, energy and the environment, Governor Malloy said. States have long led the way on many important issues, including climate change. President Trump is once again putting the interests of big business ahead of the health and economic interests of the American people. This shortsighted decision will lead to decreasing fuel efficiency, which means more frequent stops at the gas station and higher gas bills for Connecticut drivers. We will continue to work with

California and other like-minded states to safeguard the protections provided by the federal Clean Air Act and the Advanced Clean Car program.

Human-induced climate change is the most significant environmental issue we face today, and taking action now to mitigate the most damaging impacts of climate change offers one of the greatest opportunities for reshaping, reenergizing, and transforming our economy to create the green jobs and green industries of the future, Commissioner Klee said. While this administration may actively try to prevent states from exerting their sovereign rights to fill the void created by federal inaction, we will continue to do our part as a national leader to reduce carbon emissions that contribute to climate change, and look forward to a time when our federal government again allows science and not the demands of the auto industry to drive the important goals and objectives of the advanced clean cars program.

California is allowed to set their own motor vehicle tailpipe standards in recognition of their unique air quality challenges and of their early efforts that pre-dated the federal Clean Air Act. Connecticut and 11 other states are authorized to adopt Californias standards under section 177 of the federal Clean Air Act provided U.S. EPA first issues a waiver to California under section 209 of the federal Clean Air Act indicating Californias standards are at least as stringent as federal standards.

The standards at issue are part of a broader agreement made in 2012 among the State of California, U.S. EPA, U.S. DOT/NHSTA and the major auto manufacturers. Under this agreement, California and the federal government agreed to harmonize state and federal tailpipe emission standards for greenhouse gases with federal fuel efficiency standards. The State of California agreed to find vehicles certified as meeting the federal tailpipe standards as being deemed in compliance with the California standards (also adopted by 12 other states, and when combined represent 35% of the national light duty vehicle market). The agreement included a mid-term evaluation during which California assessed three elements of the clean cars program: the zero-emission vehicle (ZEV) regulation, the one milligram per mile (mg/mi) particulate matter (PM) standard, and the light-duty vehicle greenhouse gas standards for 2022 and later model years. U.S. EPA agreed to conduct a similar review of the standards for model year 2022-25.

Californias technical staff worked with U.S. EPA and NHTSA to review the federal light-duty greenhouse gas standards for 2022 through 2025 model years. This review included collaborating on a second joint Technical Assessment Report (TAR) to re-assess the technical assumptions and analysis used to develop the greenhouse gas standards. The Draft (Joint) TAR was published for public comment in July 2016. After reviewing public comments, U.S. EPA updated their analysis and published for public comment in November 2016 a Proposed Determination that the 2022 through 2025 federal standards remain as adopted. Subsequent to a review of public comment, U.S. EPA concluded their midterm evaluation and published a Final Determination in January 2017 that affirmed the existing federal greenhouse gas standards would remain as adopted. In March 2017, EPA rescinded the Final Determination, and announced that a new Final Determination would be published by April 1, 2018.

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dragon' spacecraft, is carrying nearly, three tons of food, gear and supplies, to astronauts, on the international spe station. this is the only, spacecraft, ever... to deliver cargo, to the i-s-s... then... return back to earth. this is the dragon's, second flight, to the lab. revisions are coming for car and truck emission standards. that's according to the environmental protection agency. today marked the end of the midterm evaluation process for green house gas emmissions for cars produced from 20-22 through 20-25. the agency announced current emissions standards are too high, calling them

rushed and unrealistic. a, no-kill animal shelter, in boston, is under fire, after euthanizing three dogs, they say, were a danger to people. While former workers, brought light, to the "put-downs", the director of, northeast animal shelter says, they do all they can, to avoid, euthanization ...but when the animals continue to fight, and attack, the number one priority, is protecting workers, and families. <"and in the end their behavior continued to escalate and became more severe and we had to make a decision that they weren't going to be safe to put back in the community."> animal control supports, the shelter's decision, to euthanize dogs, that cannot be rehabilitated, they say doing this, avoids families, from being attacked, in the future, coming up on w-b-r-z plus! a little girl owes her life to a pair of tennessee teenagers, the simple hangout that turned into a last second rescue, at 10-35 on cox cable channel 10- 11...eatel two...and our streaming sites, sports is coming up next...we'll be right back. < Paul Mainieri -- "i mean we're one game out of

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EPA Says Greenhouse Gas Emissions Standards For Cars, Trucks Should Be Revised 04/01/2018 CE Noticias Financieras English

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency or EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt announced the completion of the Midterm Evaluation or MTE process for the greenhouse gas or GHG emissions standards for cars and light trucks for model years 2022-2025, and his final determination that, in light of recent data, the current standards are not appropriate and should be revised.

Administrator Pruitt also announced the start of a joint process with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration or NHTSA to develop a notice and comment rulemaking to set more appropriate GHG emissions standards and Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards.

"The Obama Administration's determination was wrong," said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt. "Obama's EPA cut the

Midterm Evaluation process short with politically charged expediency, made assumptions about the standards that didn't comport with reality, and set the standards too high."

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EPA to roll back Obama-era fuel efficiency standards 04/01/2018 United Press International

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced plans Monday to relax fuel efficiency standards for motor vehicles.

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt determined current standards are "not appropriate and should be revised" after conducting the midterm evaluation process for the greenhouse gas emissions for cars and light trucks for model years 2022 through 2025.

"The Obama administration's determination was wrong," Pruitt said. "Obama's EPA cut the midterm evaluation process short with politically charged expediency, made assumptions about the standards that didn't comport with reality, and set the standards too high."

In March, President Donald Trump promised a review of rules submitted by the Obama administration mandating an increase in fuel economy for all domestic vehicles to an average of 54.5 miles per gallon by 2025.

Pruitt didn't offer specific guidelines for revising the previous standards following the review.

The EPA is also re-examining a waiver granted to California, which allows the state to impose stricter standards for vehicle emissions of certain pollutants than federal requirements established under the Clean Air Act.

Pruitt said a national standard "is in America's best interest" and the EPA will work with California and other states in an effort to achieve such a standard.

"Cooperative federalism doesn't mean that one state can dictate standards for the rest of the country. EPA will set a national standard for greenhouse gas emissions that allows auto manufacturers to make cars that people both want and can afford -- while still expanding environmental and safety benefits of newer cars." he said.

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A.G. Schneiderman Statement On Trump Administration Rollback Of National Auto Fuel Economy And Pollution Standards 04/01/2018 State Capital News Feed

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SCHNEIDERMAN STATEMENT ON TRUMP ADMINISTRATION ROLLBACK OF NATIONAL AUTO FUEL ECONOMY AND POLLUTION STANDARDS New York Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman released the following statement on the Trump Administration's announcement today that it will roll back national fuel economy and pollution standards for automobiles: 'By cooking the books on its review of national auto emissions standards, the Trump Administration is putting special interests ahead of New Yorkers' health and wallets. 'This illegal rollback of achievable, common sense fuel efficiency and pollution standards for cars will result in higher fuel costs and more dangerous air pollution, including the carbon dioxide that drives climate change - creating real, direct, and damaging impacts on New Yorkers and our environment.

'We stand ready to take legal action to block the Trump administration's reckless and illegal efforts to reverse these critical standards and the gains we've made in ensuring cars are more fuel-efficient and less polluting.' Background In 2012, EPA and the National Highway Safety and Transportation Administration jointly adopted national greenhouse gas emissions/fuel economy standards for cars to be sold in 2017-2025. Because of the standards' long time horizon, EPA agreed to perform a midterm evaluation for the standards for 2022-2025 to confirm that the standards remain achievable. Based on an exhaustive record that included state-of-the-art research, input from stakeholders, and published literature and studies. EPA concluded in January 2017 that the 2022-25 standards are feasible at reasonable cost, will achieve significant carbon dioxide emissions reductions, and will provide significant economic and environmental benefits to consumers. But today, EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt announced that EPA will revise the standards. Attorney General Schneiderman has been a leader in forcing the federal government to follow its duty under the federal Clean Air Act to ensure the adoption and implementation of national standards that make cars more fuelefficient and less polluting. In response to Administrator Pruitt's May 2017 letter to California Governor Jerry Brown contending that the midterm evaluation process was legally flawed, Attorney General Schneiderman led a coalition of Attorneys General who vowed to pursue legal action if necessary[1]. Likewise, during EPA's rulemaking process to reconsider the midterm evaluation, Attorney General Schneiderman led a similar group in submitting a comment[2] demonstrating that the administrative record supports strengthening, not weakening, the standards, [1]: https://ag.ny.gov/press-release/ag-schneiderman-leading-coalition-14-ags-promises-legal-fight-if-trump-administration [2]: https://ag.ny.gov/sites/default/files/ny_et_al_comments_on_epa_reconsideration.pdf

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EPA Begins Revision of Obama Climate Regulations for Cars, Trucks 04/01/2018 State Capital News Feed

Apr 02, 2018(Western Free Press: http://www.westernfreepress.com/Delivered by Newstex) ;; EPA chief Scott Pruitt said Monday that the Obama administration's fuel economy regulations aren't appropriate and his agency will help revise them. Pruitt, administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, said the EPA and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration would begin crafting new greenhouse gas emission and mileage standards for vehicles built in 2022 through 2025. The Obama EPA's determination was wrong, Pruitt said in a written statement about the Corporate Average Fuel Economy, or CAFE, standards. He said: Obama's EPA cut the midterm evaluation process short with politically charged expediency, made assumptions about the standards that didn't comport with reality, and set the standards too high. The EPA's revising of the Corporate Average Fuel Economy regulations put the agency on a collision course with California state officials.

The Golden State got permissions from the Obama administration to issue its own, higher emissions standards. Conservative groups have urged Pruitt to repeal California's waiver, arguing the state can use its influence over automakers to supplant federal standards. The EPA is still examining California's waiver, but Pruitt seemed critical of continuing the policy as it stands. 'Cooperative federalism doesn't mean that one state can dictate standards for the rest of the country,' Pruitt said. 'EPA will set a national standard for greenhouse gas emissions that allows auto manufacturers to make cars that people both want and can afford while still expanding environmental and safety benefits of newer cars.' It's in everyone's best interest to have a national standard, and we look forward to working with all states, including California, as we work to finalize that standard, he said. The EPA also is moving against[1] former President Barack Obama's emissions pledge under the Paris climate accord, which he joined in 2016. Obama committed the U.S. to cut greenhouse gas emissions 26 to 28 percent by 2025. The Obama rules required cars to get 54.5 miles per gallon by 2025. Officials estimated the rules would cut 540 million metric tons of carbon dioxide emissions and save consumers money. However, automakers missed[2] fuel efficiency targets for model year 2016 cars and light trucks by about 9 grams per mile. The Obama EPA's own analysis found[3] cars may not meet the 2025 target, likely getting between 50 and 52.6 miles per gallon by then. Content created by The Daily Caller News Foundation[4] is available without charge to any eligible news publisher that can provide a large audience. For licensing opportunities for this original content, email licensing@dailycallernewsfoundation.org[5]; The post EPA Begins Revision of Obama Climate Regulations for Cars, Trucks[6] appeared first on The Daily Signal[7]. The post EPA Begins Revision of Obama Climate Regulations for Cars, Trucks[8] appeared first on Western Free Press[9]. [1]: http://dailycaller.com/2018/04/02/trump-epa-repealobama-climate-agenda/ [2]: https://www.wsj.com/articles/auto-makers-miss-emissions-target-despite-record-fueleconomy-1515700853 [3]: https://www.detroitnews.com/story/business/autos/2016/07/18/automakers-fuel-economystandards-cafe/87256278/ [4]: http://dailycallernewsfoundation.org/ [5]: mailto:licensing@dailycallernewsfoundation.org [6]: https://dailysign.al/2EeXopX [7]: https://www.dailysignal.com/ [8]: http://westernfreepress.com/epa-begins-revisionof-obama-climate-regulations-for-cars-trucks/ [9]: http://westernfreepress.com

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Washington - Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt announced on Monday that he would revoke Obama-era...

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Rewrite of fuel-efficiency goals expected to spark political, legal battles

Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt announced Monday that he would revoke Obama-era standards requiring cars and light trucks sold in the United States to average more than 50 miles per gallon by 2025, a move that could change the composition of the nation's auto fleet for years.

The push to rewrite the first carbon limits on car s and SUVs, which came out of an agreement among federal officials, automakers and the state of California, is sure to spark major political and legal battles.

California has authority under the Clean Air Act to set its own emissions limits, and it has threatened to sue if its waiver is revoked and it is blocked from imposing stricter targets. Such a fight has broad implications, because 12 other states, representing more than a third of the country's auto market, follow California's standards.

Pruitt's decision reflects the power of the auto industry, which asked him to revisit the Obama administration's review of the model years 2022-2025 fuel-efficiency targets just days after he took office. President Trump told autoworkers in Detroit last year that he was determined to roll back the emissions rules as part of a bigger effort to jump-start the nation's car industry.

"The Obama administration's determination was wrong," Pruitt said in a statement. "Obama's EPA cut the Midterm Evaluation process short with politically charged expediency, made assumptions about the standards that didn't comport with reality, and set the standards too high."

Pruitt did not specify what limits would be put in place, saying the EPA and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration would establish a standard that "allows auto manufacturers to make cars that people both want and can afford - while still expanding environmental and safety benefits of newer cars." The agency said he is still considering the status of California's waiver.

Officials in that state immediately excoriated the decision.

"This is a politically motivated effort to weaken clean vehicle standards with no documentation, evidence or law to back up that decision," Mary Nichols, head of the California Air Resources Board, said in a statement. She argued that the move would "demolish" the nation's shift toward cleaner cars and that "EPA's action, if implemented, will worsen people's health with degraded air quality and undermine regulatory certainty for automakers."

Nichols also hinted at a potential legal fight to come.

"This decision takes the U.S. auto industry backward, and we will vigorously defend the existing clean vehicle standards and fight to preserve one national clean vehicle program," she said. The EPA's decision "changes nothing in California and the 12 other states with clean-car rules that reduce emissions and improve gas mileage - those rules remain in place."

The efficiency gains that the U.S. auto fleet has made in recent decades have slowed since 2013, as gas prices dipped and the sale of pickup trucks and SUVs accelerated. In the document Pruitt signed Monday, he said the EPA had been "optimistic in its assumptions and projections" about the availability of technology to meet the standards and the agency recently had received substantial input from automakers that they needed to be scaled back.

He suggested that if cleaner vehicles are too expensive, consumers will hold onto older cars, thereby lowering the overall efficiency of cars on the road.

Peter Welch, president and chief executive of the National Automobile Dealers Association, said in a statement Monday that while the group supports "continuous improvements" in reducing vehicle emissions, "Standards alone - whatever they are - won't do the trick."

The Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, whose members produce 70 percent of the cars and light trucks sold in the United States, endorsed the shift. The group estimates that it would be more realistic to require the fleet to reach a miles-per-gallon target in the high 40s by 2025.

The U.S. fleet averaged 31.8 mpg for model year 2017, according to federal figures.

Alliance spokeswoman Gloria Bergquist said in an email that her members "support the administration for pursuing a data-driven effort and a single national program as it works to finalize future standards. We appreciate that the administration is working to find a way to both increase fuel economy standards and keep new vehicles affordable to more Americans."

But two of those members, Ford and Honda, recently urged the government to maintain the current requirements but give manufacturers additional flexibility.

Dan Becker, director of the Safe Climate Campaign, projected that retaining the Obama rule would cut carbon dioxide emissions by 6 billion tons and save 12 billion barrels of oil over the lifetime of vehicles complying with these standards. "Even though automakers are pushing gas-guzzling pickups and SUVs rather than more efficient cars, it's still the biggest step any nation has ever taken to cut global warming pollution and save oil," he said.

Two of Pruitt's predecessors were harshly critical.

"All they care about is undoing everything the prior administration did, and they'll use any excuse for doing that. They don't even have the industry itself asking for this," said Gina McCarthy, EPA administrator under President Barack Obama and now director of Harvard's Center for Health and the Global Environment.

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Pruitt did not say when new standards would be set.

The decision, while expected, means several states, led by California, will likely press courts to allow them to keep tougher standards in place, which could force automakers to produce different cars for sale in different areas.

Meanwhile, environmentalists argue that any rollback will hurt human health and exacerbate climate change.

"The Trump administration's decision will take America backward by jeopardizing successful safeguards that are working to clean our air, save drivers money at the pump and drive technological innovation that creates jobs," said Luke Tonachel, director of the Natural Resources Defense Council's Clean Vehicles and Fuels Project. "The American public overwhelmingly supports strong vehicle standards."

Automakers, on the other hand, said the EPA's ruling was the right one in order to keep vehicles affordable and let business -- not bureaucrats -- take the lead in determining how best to increase fuel economy standards while protecting their bottom line.

"This was the right decision, and we support the administration for pursuing a data-driven effort and a single national program as it works to finalize future standards," said Gloria Bergquist, a vice president for the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, a trade group that represents General Motors, Ford, Fiat Chrysler and others.

To "ensure ongoing fuel economy improvement, the wisest course of action is to keep new vehicles affordable so more consumers can replace an older car with a new vehicle that uses much less fuel -- and offers more safety features," Bergquist said.

Bergquist said that it is critical to maintain a "single national" standard for vehicles and will work with environmentalists, California officials and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to attempt to do so.

But there is no guarantee such an effort will succeed. California Attorney General Xavier Becerra last year filed a lawsuit along with other states in an attempt to force the Trump administration to meet the tougher standards.

Automakers, state officials, environmentalists and federal regulators had agreed in 2012 to increase fuel efficiency standards to average 34.5 mpg by 2016 across the fleet of American cars and trucks with the figure then to grow to 54.5 mpg by 2025.

But that process called for a so-called midterm review, during which time automakers and others wanted the greater number to be revisited. Before Obama left office in early 2017, the EPA issued a ruling keeping the higher number in place — a decision that President Trump made clear last year he intended to revisit.

Pruitt said Monday that his agency's new midterm evaluation determined that the standards needed to be revised, though he didn't make any suggestions as to what would be an appropriate new standard.

Under the Clean Air Act, the EPA sets national standards for vehicle tailpipe emissions of certain pollutants, though California long has had a waiver to impose tougher standards. The EPA said it was reviewing California's waiver as well.

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The push to rewrite the first-ever carbon limits on cars and SUVs, which came out of an agreement among federal officials, automakers and the state of California, is sure to spark a major political and legal battle.

California has authority under the Clean Air Act to set its own emissions limits, and it has threatened to sue if its waiver is revoked and it is blocked from imposing stricter targets. Such a fight has broad implications because 12 other states, representing more than a third of the country's auto market, follow California's standards.

Pruitt's decision reflects the power of the auto industry, which asked him to revisit the Obama administration's review of the model years 2022-2025 fuel-efficiency targets just days after he took office. President Donald Trump told autoworkers in Detroit last year that he was determined to roll back the emissions rules as part of a bigger effort to jump-start the nation's car industry.

"The Obama administration's determination was wrong," Pruitt said in a statement. "Obama's EPA cut the Midterm Evaluation process short with politically charged expediency, made assumptions about the standards that didn't comport with reality, and set the standards too high."

Pruitt did not specify what limits would be put in place, saying the EPA and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration would establish a standard that "allows auto manufacturers to make cars that people both want and can afford - while still expanding environmental and safety benefits of newer cars." The agency said he is still considering the status of California's waiver.

Officials in that state immediately excoriated the decision.

"This is a politically motivated effort to weaken clean vehicle standards with no documentation, evidence or law to back up that decision," Mary Nichols, head of the California Air Resources Board, said in a statement. She argued that the move would "demolish" the nation's shift toward cleaner cars and that "EPA's action, if implemented, will worsen people's health with degraded air quality and undermine regulatory certainty for automakers."

Nichols also hinted at the potential legal fight to come.

"This decision takes the U.S. auto industry backward, and we will vigorously defend the existing clean vehicle standards and fight to preserve one national clean vehicle program," she said. The EPA's decision "changes nothing in California and the 12 other states with clean-car rules that reduce emissions and improve gas mileage - those rules remain in

place."

The efficiency gains that the U.S. auto fleet has made in recent decades have slowed since 2013, as gas prices dipped and the sale of pickup trucks and SUVs accelerated. In the document Pruitt signed Monday, he said EPA had been "optimistic in its assumptions and projections" about the availability of technology to meet the standards and had received substantial input from automakers that they needed to be scaled back.

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we've all been waiting for. And with everything going on in the world today, it's just in time, [Tires screech]? It's not a phone. It's not a watch... or a tablet. It's the idea of looking out for each other. The thing we've all been waiting for... is us. Huntington, Welcome, new on daybreak - the environmental protection agency is planning to revise its car and truck greenhouse gas emissions standards. epa administrator scott pruitt says the current, obama-era standards are too high... rushed and unrealistic. those standards are for cars produced from 2022 through 2025, pruitt says the epa will work with individual states on new standards. (drew) russian president vladimir putin could soon make a trip to washington d-c for the first time in more than a decade, the white house says that putin and president trump talked about a number of potential venues.. including the white house.. during a phone call last month, both sides say they have not started any sort of preparations for a visit - but the white house says it is open to one. (lauren) today - many schools are closing for a second day as teachers continue to rally for higher pay and education funding, thousands of teachers from oklahoma and kentucky rallied in their state capitols yesterday, oklahoma state lawmakers raised teacher pay by 3 percent last week - but teachers say it's not enough. in kentucky - lawmakers passed cuts to pensions for new teachers. the protests were inspired by west virgina teachers winning a 5-percent raise after going on strike last month. ((dale lee / president of west virginia education association: it's stronger than the hope, the hope is that 'we think we can do something', the belief that we can, is what we gave people in west virginia, it's what we gave people in oklahoma, kentucky, arizona, and across this nation.)) arizona teachers are now considering a strike over their demands for a 20 percent salary increase. --downtown skyline (toss to weather) it will be a wet, and

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this is quickly becoming a bigger and bigger issue, but the president will find himself up against a congress that is reluctant to do much of anything in an election year, they are on their way.... by many reports, more than a thousand central american immigrants in caravans moving through mexico -- and for many, the goal is clear, nats our destination is to reach the united states, this woman said, and there may not be much u-s officials can do about it -- drawing the ire of president trump, at the annual white house easter egg roll, he lashed out at democrats in congress for refusing to reach a broad immigration deal that would included legalization for young immigrants already here - the so called daca recipients, potus: 11:16:37 the democrats have really let them down, they really let them down, they had this great opportunity, many democrats blame the president, senator dianne feinstein tweeting: 87% of americans want a daca fix, democrats are ready to find one when president trump decides to get serious about fixing a problem he created but refuses to solve, meantime, in mexico -- the caravans come as the president is threatening to make significant changes to the north american free trade agreement if the immigration issue isn't addressed, mexico's us ambassador said his country is working on it. gernimo gutirrez: our migration authorities are looking at appropriate either to repatriate this people or to offer humanitarian relief to them in mexico, and the trump administration is also trying to ramp up pressure on the nation's immigration judges, to push them to clear out their backlog more quickly, environmental protection agency administrator scott pruitt announced that obama-era car and truck emission standards -- should be revised. monday marked the end of the midterm evaluation process for green house gas emissions for cars produced from 2022 through 2025, pruitt announced current emissions standards are too high, calling them rushed and unrealistic, they were passed at the end of obama's second term, pruitt also said the e-p-a will also work with individual states on the new standards -- including california, which has stricter requirements than other states, the wall street journal reports that special counsel robert mueller is officially investigating roger stone's ties to wikileaks and julian assange, the former trump campaign

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night...around 300 homes were evacuated in the area...and power was cut due to downed power lines.no word of any injuries.right now the cause of the fire has not been confirmed. meanwhile... this morning..51 year-old -- arthur rudd remains behind bars.. facing two counts of arson. rudd was arrested sunday after he was apparently caught setting fires near cheyenne mountain.springs police and the colorado springs fire department... say rudd -- was caught in the act along highway 1-15.luckily, firefighters were able to put out two fires... just before they got out of control. right now in pueblo -- two deputies are cleared in the august 20-17 shooting of a suspected bank robber. robber.district attorney -- jeff chostner -- decided the deputies acted in self-defense -- and in defense of others -- when they shot & killed 66-year-old dennis flowers. deputies were searching for flowers on the day of the shooting -- because he had a warrant out for his arrest for allegedly robbing the ent credit union in rye. police found flowers inside his home... where they say he moved towards a window... reached into his covered waistband...turned around -- and raised a small gun pointed towards police.that's when deputies opened fire. making more news across colorado -- a man charged with fatally shooting three people at a walmart in thornton..has been deemed competent to stand trial. trial.a judge ruling this week that scott ostrem can be prosecuted for the november shooting... at the store in suburban denver.police say ostrem walked into the walmart..and randomly began shooting people in the checkout area.he is charged with killing 52-year-old pamela marques of denver... 66-year-old carlos moreno of thornton...and 26-year-old victor vasquez of denver. he is

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"The EPA's decision will harm state economies across the nation, pushing up fuel costs for employers and consumers and making the U.S. automotive industry less competitive in the global marketplace. This decision will also increase air pollution, which will raise healthcare costs and lead to less productivity as a result of more missed work and school days. The businesses that drive the American economy need cars and trucks that run on less gas, a healthy workforce, and consumers with more money in their pockets to spend on local goods and services. We believe that a strong and consistent national standard is essential to ensuring key economic and environmental benefits, and we would oppose any attempts to undermine states' rights to realize those benefits."The Ceres BICEP Network represents over 45 major U.S. employers, including General Mills, Adobe, Nike, and Mars, Inc. with a combined annual revenue topping \$ 400 billion. In a letter to Administrator Pruitt, the BICEP Network urged the EPA to maintain the standards, which provide a critical opportunity to strengthen the U.S. economy, grow the job market, and enhance the competitiveness of the auto industry.###Ceres is a sustainability nonprofit organization working with the most influential investors and companies to build leadership and drive solutions throughout the economy. The Ceres BICEP Network comprises influential companies advocating for stronger climate and clean energy policies at the state and federal level in the U.S. For more information, visit www.ceres.org and follow @CeresNews.(Distributed by M2 Communications (www.m2.com))

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changes to the north american free-trade agreement if immigration is not addressed. exit close u.s. ambassador right now says that his country is working on it. and just a little over one hour ago president trump took aim at the caravans again on twitter sing the big caravan of people from honduras now coming across mexico and heading to our weak laws border, had better be stopped before it gets there. cash cow nafta is in play, as is foreign aid to honduras that allowed this to happen. congress must act now. >>> scott pruitt is calling for revisions on obama era car and truck standards. yesterday was the end of the midtown -- midterm evaluation for greenhouse gases for cars from 2022 through 2025. pruitt announced the current admission standards are too high calling them rushed and unrealistic. >>> las cruces will

rely less on fossil fuels and more on renewable energy. >> the city hopes to utilize renewable energy to power homes, businesses, and cars to improve the local air quality. a state energy profile analysis is that new mexico has the second greatest solar potential, the city of las cruces hopes to double clean energy production by 2030 and by 2050 the goal is to generate 100% of clean energy using wind and solar power. between 2015 and 2017, new mexico solar energy industry produce more than 2000 jobs across the state. >>> water restriction times are in effect in las cruces, people with an even numbered address can water tuesday, thursday and saturdays, odd-numbered addresses can water on wednesday, friday and sundays. there is no watering on mondays and you can only water before

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CEI Commends EPA for Reviewing CAFE Rules 04/01/2018
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Washington: Competitive Enterprise Institute has issued the following news release: Today, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released the result of its mid-term evaluation. As a result of the EPA's review and analysis, EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt announced the current greenhouse-gas emission standards for light-duty vehicles for model year 2022-2025 are not appropriate and should be revised.

The Competitive Enterprise Institute (CEI) commends Administrator Pruitt for taking this step forward to ensure the future of automobiles will be cars that are safe, affordable, and what consumers want to buy. CEI has followed the CAFE issue for decades, which includes a major court victory in 1992 regarding CAFE's lethal effects. CEI experts said the following about today's announcement. CEI General Counsel Sam Kazman on CAFE's mandates and safety: CAFE's lethal effects on vehicle crashworthiness were documented by analysts and a federal appeals court years ago. Despite this, CAFE has remained in force, getting even more stringent and more deadly over the years. We hope that the Trump Administration will finally take account of those effects and start to liberalize this program. Director of CEI's Center for Energy and Environment Myron Ebell on CAFE's impact on consumer choice: EPA's announcement is good news for consumers who care about safety, performance, and size, as well as fuel economy in the vehicles they drive. This is the first step in many years toward reducing government control over what kinds of cars people can choose to buy. CEI Senior Fellow Marlo Lewis on CAFE's costs and impact on climate: Fuel economy mandates restrict consumer choice, add thousands of dollars to the cost of new vehicles, and limit vehicle safety. Contrary to the program's original rationale, the world is not running out of oil. And even if you worry about global warming, fuel efficiency standards are a stupendously inefficient climate change mitigation strategy. Congress should end the reign of bureaucrats and put consumers back in charge of telling automakers what kinds of cars and trucks to produce.

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representative steve lebsock was expelled in march -- over allegations he harassed five women. also -- emission standards for cars and trucks... will soon be lowered, the environmental protection agency making the announcement yesterday.. yesterday..and governor john hickenlooper is not happy about it.. he put a post on facebook..saying in part.. this decision won't prevent colorado from fulfilling an obligation to protect colorado's air.he went on to say the e-p-a is moving backwards..and asked who are they trying to protect. e-p-a administrator scott pruitt said current emissions standards are too high... and called them rushed and unrealistic. the current standards were passed at the end of president obama's second term the e-p-a's decision... also marks the end of the midterm evaluation process for green house gas emmissions for cars produced from 20-22 through 20-25. a bill to accelerate construction -- of high-speed broadband internet service in rural colorado...is now law, governor john hickenlooper signed the bill yesterday. yesterday, the law is designed to bridge the economic divide between rural and urban parts of the state, supporters say...the state's eastern plains...western slope and many mountain towns -- have lagged behind because of sluggish or non-existent service, the bill will take money from a fund that has long subsidized rural telephone service -- and invest it in broadband construction over a five-year period. right now in colorado springs -- if you're looking for a job.. good news.. as there's nearly 40 employers currently looking to hire... this thursday the pikes peak workforce center is hosting a young adult job fair...and high schoolers.. recent college grads and young adults are encouraged to attend.on hand will be representatives from a wide range of industries --including, government, law enforcement and hospitality... just to name a few we've laid it all out for you and made it easy, they are all there, all at once, these employers are ready to talk, theyre ready to hire people and so it really is a great oportunity to just go and you can meet more employers in one day than you could in months of searching on your own. own.AGAIN its all happening this thursday...from 11:30 a.m. until 4...at the southeast armed services ymca on jet wing drivejob seekers should be 16 to 24 years old... bring 10 or more copies of their resume..and dress business professional summer is right around the corner..and while most kids are jumping for joy --others will face extremely hard times -- dealing with hunger... hunger...care and share food bank -says food insecurity is more prevalent during the summer time -- because kids are out of school -- and those who rely on free or reduced school lunches -- are in need of your help.to help with the cause --walmart's fight hunger. -- spark change, campaign is back... teaming up with care and share once again -- hoping to secure more meals for kids, families, and inviduals across southern colorado. this is a nation-wide campaign through feeding america and walmart but all donations that are made across southern colorado will go back to our food bank which means it stays here in southern colorado and it helps people out in our

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